

California Sea Grant to Support Improved Management of Ocean and Coastal Resources through a Competitive Grant Program

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Consider disbursing up to \$7,000,000 to the California Sea Grant College program and the University of Southern California Sea Grant program to fund and administer scientific research projects that directly support the OPC's strategic plan and priorities.



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Ocean Protection Council's Mission

To ensure that California maintains healthy, resilient, and productive ocean and coastal ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations.

Climate Change



Sustainable Fisheries



Marine Protected Areas



Marine Pollution



Emerging Uses



Proposition 84

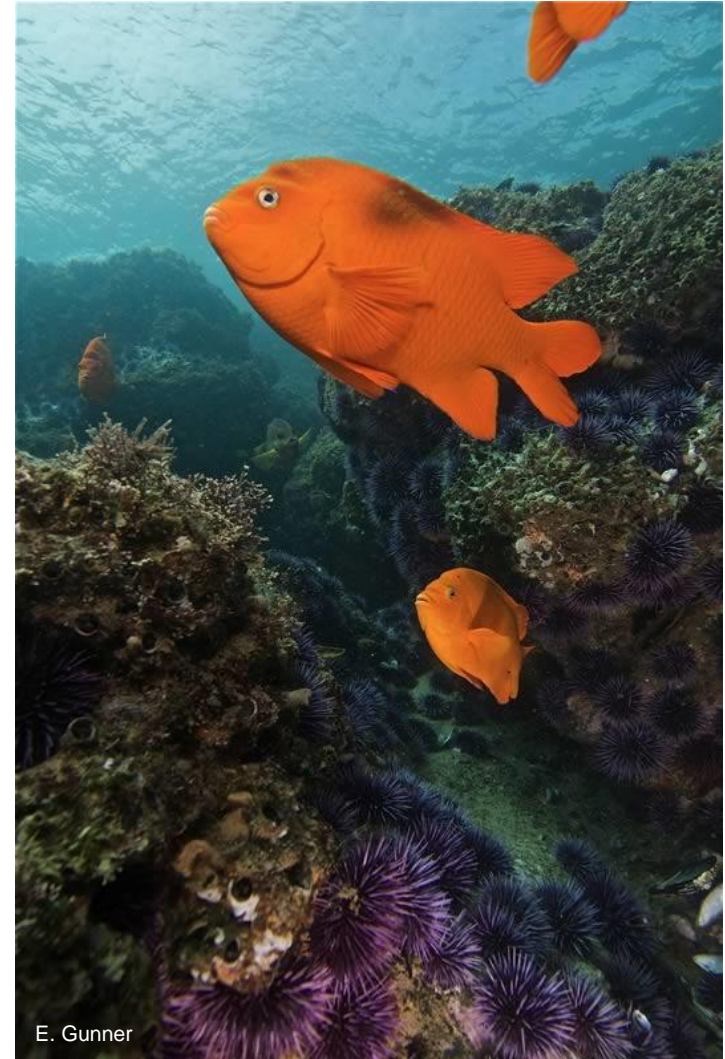
Funds may be used for a wide range of purposes:

- Scientific Research
- Adaptive Management
- Conservation of Marine Resources



How We Select Projects

- Foundational documents
- Legislation
- Agency leadership
- Scientific grounding
- Collaborative vetting process
- Leveraging funds



Projects will Result In...

- Increased public awareness
- Tools to help us adapt in the face of change
- Advanced knowledge about emerging issues
- Completion of identified priority tasks

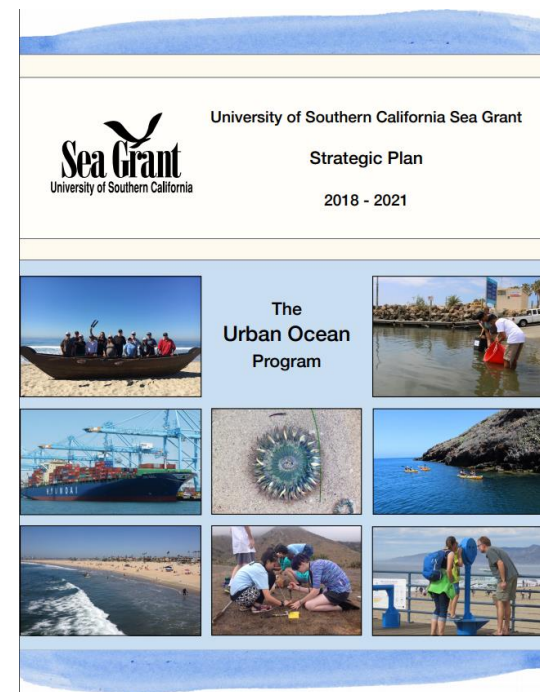
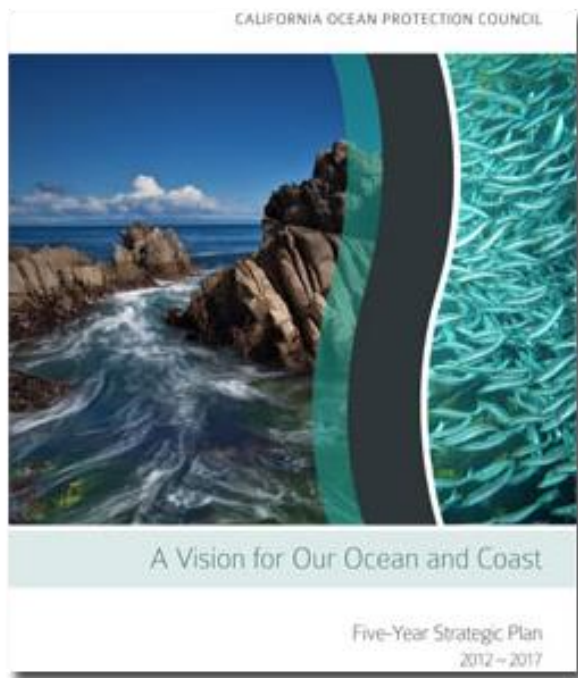


The California Sea Grant Programs

- California Sea Grant College Program
(California Sea Grant)
- University of Southern California Sea Grant Program
(USC Sea Grant)



OPC & Sea Grant Mission Alignment



Proposed Priorities for the California Sea Grant Program

- Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia
- Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture



Proposed Priorities for the USC Sea Grant Program

- Sea-level Rise Adaptation & Coastal Resilience
- Coastal Sediment Management
- Marine Pollution
- Marine Renewable Energy



Proposed Distribution

Up to \$7,000,000 to the two California Sea Grant programs

- **Up to \$3,500,000 to California Sea Grant**
 - Ocean acidification & hypoxia
 - Sustainable fisheries & aquaculture
- **Up to \$3,500,000 to USC Sea Grant**
 - Sea-level Rise Adaptation & Coastal Resilience
 - Coastal Sediment Management
 - Marine Pollution
 - Marine Renewable Energy



Photo: Lincoln Chu

Process and Anticipated Timeline

- **Fall-Winter 2017:** Anticipated release of Request for Proposals
- Pre-proposals
- **Early 2018:** Applicants notified whether they are invited to submit a full proposal
- Review Panels
- **Summer-Fall 2018:** Recommendations for final awards presented to the Council
- **Late 2018:** Projects begin



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